

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A synthetic resin container possessing a higher gas barrier property, and having a coating film possessing a higher gas barrier property and positioned on an inner surface and/or outer surface of a body of the container, characterized in

that said coating film comprises a layered coating including at least a gas barrier coating and a cover coating, said cover coating being positioned at a topmost side of said coating film,

that said cover coating includes a layer positioned at a topmost side of said cover coating and possessing such a water repellency that said layer has a contact angle with water of 80° to 100°, and

that the layers constituting said coatings, respectively, are each formed by vapor deposition and each have a refractive index in a range of 1.3 to 1.6.

2. (Original) The synthetic resin container of claim 1, wherein said gas barrier coating and said cover coating are arranged adjointedly to each other.

3. (Currently Amended) The synthetic resin container of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, further comprising a base coating between said layered coating and a topmost surface of said container body.

4. (Currently Amended) The synthetic resin container of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said gas barrier coating is a silicon oxide compound layer including silicon oxide as a main component, and said cover coating is an organic silicon compound layer.

5. (Original) The synthetic resin container of claim 4, further comprising a base coating between said layered coating and a topmost surface of said container body, and wherein said base coating comprises an organic silicon compound layer.

6. (New) The synthetic resin container of claim 2, further comprising a base coating between said layered coating and a topmost surface of said container body.

7. (New) The synthetic resin container of claim 2, wherein said gas barrier coating is a silicon oxide compound layer including silicon oxide as a main component, and said cover coating is an organic silicon compound layer.

8. (New) The synthetic resin container of claim 7, further comprising a base coating between said layered coating and a topmost surface of said container body, and wherein said base coating comprises an organic silicon compound layer.